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FORMER BANK EMPLOYEE AND ACCOMPLICE SENTENCED THIS WEEK FOR ROBBING STATE NATIONAL BANK IN EL PASO

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a former bank teller and her accomplices were sentenced by United States District Judge Philip R. Martinez to lengthy federal prison terms for their roles in the robbery of the State National Bank on July 24, 2006.

State National Bank teller Clarissa Mota, age28, was sentenced Wednesday to 52 months imprisonment followed by three years of supervised release. Mota pled guilty to one count of Bank robbery and conspiracy to commit bank robbery on November 15, 2006.

Also, Ivan Frank Parra, age 23, was sentenced Tuesday to 40 months imprisonment followed by three years of supervised release. Parra pled guilty to Conspiracy to commit Bank robbery on November 15, 2006.

The final defendant in this case, 24-year-old Fred Villalba was sentenced on January 17, 2007, to 48 months imprisonment followed by three years of supervised release. Villalba pled guilty to Conspiracy to commit Bank robbery on October 18, 2006.

Judge Martinez also ordered all three defendants, jointly and severally, to pay \$2,401.00 restitution to the bank.

According to court records, Mota provided detailed bank security information to Parra and Villalba to assist in the commission of the bank robbery. When initially interviewed by FBI agents, Mota claimed to be a victim. Parra and Villalba were later arrested and they each implicated Mota. The FBI recovered \$67,599.00 from Villalba and Parra.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the El Paso Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Laura Gregory prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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